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Equal In Importance

Planning for Heroic Action

By E. Felix Kloman

Chairman, Diocesan Department of Christian Social Relations

Christ taught us to pray, "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." The prayer He taught His disciples, He lived by.

Here is the authority for the Church's concern with life in this world. The Kingdom of God may never come in time, but something of it is here when men pray together as Christ taught them and seek in daily affairs to do God's will.

The apostles on the surface were not a very promising lot. They were at least as ordinary as the members of any congregation today. James and John wanted positions of power and importance. Judas wanted things his own way and when he failed to get them, he hung himself. Peter under pressure denied his Lord, and then went out to weep. Yet the apostles changed the world. And when men wondered about them, "they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." That was what enabled quite ordinary men to fulfill the extraordinary possibilities latent in all children of God. They were empowered to speak and live with that combination of authority and humility that gets things done. Theirs was the authority of the Grace of God given unto them, and the humility that goes with the knowledge of how far short achievement falls from that which God calls on us for.

So the Church today on the surface is composed of very unpromising material for the building of a new world. Not all men are equal

in physical strength or in many other ways. Christ has taught us, however, that all are equal in importance. For in the Church and outside of it are children of God with extraordinary possibilities. And this is true regardless of their race, creed, color, or position in society.

Our Opportunity

The year before us is one of opportunity—an opportunity bought for us at a great price by others. Above their graves stand the cross. When we remember them we understand better what Studdert Kennedy once said, "No man can believe in the brotherhood of men and be comfortable: it is a creed that takes away all cushions and

leaves us with a cross." Now that the war has been won for us, we have an opportunity to build a new world. But it can't be done by sitting on soft cushions in comfortably heated churches. With St. Paul we must feel the weakness and the need of others and be willing to suffer strifes and all manner of hardships and indignities until such all-out giving wins others and builds the new world. We must be willing to spend and be spent—to be expendable—as were those who have given us our present opportunity.

The Church must have the authority and humility of the apostles as it seeks to lead in the building of the new world in which the equality of importance in the sight of God of every man in every walk of life is recognized. For the whole struggle for a better world without a sure foundation of faith in God and in man as the Child of God is meaningless.

Recent events have begun to awaken the Church to a sense of its mission—a mission that is not only world-wide, but also community deep. The atom bomb not only destroyed a city, it blasted the Church free from many of its pet pious prejudices.

As agent of the Bishop and Executive Council of the Diocese of Pennsylvania the Department of Christian Social Relations, through social education and action, co-operation with those in the social work field, and the encouragement of

Prayer for Race Relations Sunday, February 10th

Authorized for use by Bishop Hart

O God, our heavenly Father, eliminate, we beseech Thee, all prejudice and misunderstanding that separates us from our brethren. Open our hearts and minds to new friendships among men of races and cultures, religions and classes other than our own. Help us to labor together in fellowship to build here a righteous society founded on brotherhood and justice. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

social worship, is charged with the responsibility of encouraging study within the local congregation of present-day problems in the light of the teaching of the Bible. Through fellowship in such study under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we can learn to say not only "I believe," but also "therefore I will act." And to act! For as the old priest says in *The World, the Flesh and Father Smith*, "Christianity is not a respectable habit of restraint, but a loud, vulgar, clamorous heroism." We are led to heroic action when we begin to glimpse conditions as they are in the light of the will of God for man. But we move, then, with that combination of authority and humility that recognizes the equality of importance of all men, and that seeks not its own good, but God's good for all.

Groups within any parish seeking to study present-day problems in the light of the teaching of the Bible will find great help in the Oxford University Press edition of that book called *The Bible for Today*.

Parish Contacts

When it comes to the problems of Race Relations there are within our Diocese both Negro and white clergy and laity who can be of help. In the work at the Annunciation and at St. Michaels and All Angels are opportunities for constructive co-operative effort where both races can learn greater respect, understanding and reverence for each other by working together. Whatever else is done on Race Relations Sunday we can all say together throughout the Diocese the prayer Bishop Hart is issuing for that day. Other suggestions for study and action are being prepared and sent to the clergy by the Department's Committee on Race Relations.

In any parish groups can study a different community problem each month. Such study can be implemented by visits to local social institutions and agencies, labor unions, and schools. Such study can lead to action based on the knowledge gained—action that is not just a flash in the pan, but rooted in the historical revelation of God in Christ.

Much help can be gained from such groups as the Boy and Girl Scouts, our own Church Mission of Help, and the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.'s on what is happening to the adolescents today. The schools and par-

ent-teacher associations are other readily available resources. Facts as to the local boy-and-girl situation can be learned from the police and the Crime Prevention Association. Decrying the conditions and flaying the tap rooms and "juke-joints" are of little use. Somehow we must provide a wholesome place for boys and girls to go that is more appealing. A judge remarked to one of our chaplains: "Where are the bright lights? Outside and inside tap rooms, cafes, pool rooms, and juke-joints. And where are there no lights? Outside and inside our churches and parish houses except on rare occasions." What else can we expect when we obviously are so unready to even turn on the lights.

Returning to our parishes are men and women who have been doing a real job in the armed forces. We can welcome them and give them a real job to do in the Church and the community. Here is a source of man power to enable the Church to open its buildings to the youth of our community and others. Their courage and daring can now find outlet in the fight to build up a better citizenship among youth. A committee of the Department will soon issue a pamphlet for the clergy summarizing the information regarding resources that are available to veterans.

Labor and the Church have much in common. Their aims and ideals and methods are not unlike. Both share a common ground of deep concern for the welfare of all men. The health of our economic life is basic for abundant living. But man does not live by bread alone. And better wages and working conditions are not ends in themselves, but means to life. Here is a field crying for study and co-operative action.

Information Center

The work of social agencies affiliated with the Diocese is of a varied and far-reaching nature. The Department hopes to be of assistance in bringing these agencies to the attention of our churches. We should know and appreciate what is being done in our name. There are many ways in which we can help and encourage them. They in turn can be a big help to us.

Through the office of the Department in the Church House we look forward to creating an information center. Here we hope in time to have the facts about existing pri-

vate and public resources where the exaggerated problems of families and individuals can be dealt with.

Through the office also, as well as through members of the Department, we hope to keep in close touch with the Council of Social Agencies of the city. We feel that through mutual co-operation both social workers and churchmen have much to gain.

On paper the Department is aware of its responsibility as agent of the Bishop and Executive Council in the whole field of social relations. It is also aware of its limitations and shortcomings. We look forward to the day when under a full-time Director our work can be co-ordinated and implemented. When that day comes the Department will be a more effective agent of the Bishop and Executive Council and a more helpful servant of each congregation.

"O God, when thou givest to thy servants any great matter to undertake, grant us to know that it is not in the beginning, but the continuing of the same that we do thy will. Give us the serenity to accept what cannot be changed, the courage to change what can be changed and the wisdom to know the one from the other; through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

On January 21st the Department of Christian Social Relations held a luncheon meeting at Christ Church Neighborhood House. The Rev. J. Brooke Mosley, Director of the Department of Social Relations in the Diocese of Washington, spoke on "A Metropolitan Diocese at Work in the Field of Social Relations."

THERE ARE STILL MARTYRS

The Rev. Clifford S. B. Nobes, in an address to the Mission Study Class Alumnae, told of the sacrifices of Christian natives that he met in his war experiences. Missionaries were imprisoned in Camp Holmes, Baguio, Philippine Islands, where their starvation was relieved by food baskets brought by the Igorot natives, with the permission of Commandant Tomihe, whose wife was a Christian girl, trained at St. Luke's, Tokyo. Because of his kindness to the captives, he was relieved of his command.

More serious privation was suf-

ferred at Bilibid Prison, Manila, from December 30, 1944, to February 4, 1945. The first relief here came when Supply Sergeant Sugano, a Christian Japanese, smuggled in food. Later, one Muzaki, also said to be a Christian, told of General MacArthur's arrival at Lingayen. For this aid, both suffered martyrdom at the hands of the Japanese.

Honda, a Christian Japanese at Santo Tomas, was working sub-rosa for the United States Army, and told General MacArthur when the date for the execution of the imprisoned missionaries was set, which made it possible for the United States soldiers to reach them in time to release them. Honda escaped with his life when the release was effected.

What these Japanese Christians did, others might have done had our pre-war missionary work been more extended and more thorough. Now, with the Reconstruction and Advance program, we are called upon to remember these Japanese Christians who were willing to do as the ancient martyrs did. Through the Philippines we can extend our missionary work by sending forth missionaries throughout the Orient.

CONFIRMATION PERCENTAGES

The *Living Church Annual* for 1946 shows that there were 68,868 confirmations reported in 1944—a gain of 5,109 over the preceding year. The Episcopal Church as a whole shows a net increase of 1.78% in the number of communicants over the preceding year—1,568,152—a gain of 27,368. This compares with 1,104,029 listed in 1922, or a net increase of 464,123 in twenty-five years. The following neighboring dioceses show more than 5% increase in communicants over the preceding year: Maryland, 6.00%; Delaware, 5.93%; Easton, 5.16%. Our Diocese shows about 0.24% decrease—75,208 to 75,031. We had 3,203 confirmations during 1944. The decrease in number of communicants is probably due to the fact that Bishop Hart has been urging the rectors and vestries to revise their lists and make accurate reports.

Choir awards at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont, were recently made to Stuart Montgomery for the best improvement in tone production; and to James Duncan as the best all-around choir boy.

Bishop Hart's Message

I hope that the fact that the Diocesan War Commission has been discontinued will not in any way lessen the activities of the parishes for the ex-service men and service personnel. As far as I can find out, there is no great desire for the formation of veterans' societies or clubs within the parish. The service men and women consider themselves churchmen first, and their desire is to be assimilated into the normal parochial life. It is in this sort of spiritual fellowship that the veterans wish to share. I shall be happy to send a personal invitation to fifty ex-service men to be my guests at the breakfast following the Corporate Communion of the men and boys in the Diocese on Washington's Birthday. If there is an ex-service man in your parish who would like to attend this Corporate Communion and breakfast, will you please send me his name and address?

I cannot over-emphasize the importance of each parish continuing to maintain a relationship with the men and women who are still on duty and who will probably have to wait for some time for their discharge. I can personally testify from nine months' experience in the Army of Occupation in World War I that the present service is perhaps more tedious and difficult than during the months of actual fighting. In many instances morale will be low and letters should continue to flow to soldiers and sailors wherever they may be.

Continuing to keep in touch now will be both a gesture of human kindness and a pastoral privilege which those in the Armed Forces will appreciate and respect. Likewise, the services of Intercession should be maintained and serve as a vital bond between those who are present and those who are absent.

I have asked Bishop Remington to be Chairman of the Committee to develop a closer relationship with the various institutions which are conducted in this Diocese under the auspices of our Church. The Episcopal Hospital, the Episcopal Academy and the Divinity School will remain my special responsibility.

Plans are developing satisfactorily for the entertainment of General Convention in September. To be the host to General Convention will require a good deal of work on the part of a great many people. The response has been excellent and I am confident that the Diocese will do a good job.

I hope that the vestries will study carefully the annual report of their parishes. I note that in one parish there were nineteen deaths and fourteen confirmations. This loss of five was overcome by twenty-five transfers into the parish, so that the net gain was twenty. The study of the statistics from this particular parish is interesting and helpful because I know that the records are well kept and that the figures are accurate. It would be very encouraging to the rector of the members of the vestry made a careful analysis of the statistics, noted the trends and planned their work to strengthen the weak places in the parish program.

The transfer of St. Stephen's Service Club back to the parish should not be made without a sincere tribute to Mrs. P. Blair Lee and her large number of associates who have done such magnificent work. The Service Club has not only done a fine job for the service men but it has done something for the Diocese. I want to thank all the parishes who have co-operated so splendidly. I dare not start to mention names because I would have to exceed my space to mention half of those whom I would like to thank individually for their faithful and efficient service.

On hearing that a group of soldiers had given \$5,000 for the reconstruction of one of our churches on Luzon, a friend has suggested that all vestrymen should be sent out to the Pacific for a tour of duty! Perhaps it would help but we have a goodly number of people in the Diocese who, without that experience, have seen the vision and are giving generously to the Reconstruction and Advance Fund. I am confident that we will reach our goal.

Olin Hart

In the Diocese

HENRY STUART PAYNTER, Editor

At the annual Christmas Bazaar, under the sponsorship of the Emergency Aid, booths were conducted for the Episcopal Hospital and the Home of the Merciful Saviour, each being awarded a prize for effective display.

St. Luke's Chapel, Tokyo, built in memory of the late Miss Mary Coles, of Philadelphia, is one of the few church buildings in the Japanese capital which stands unscarred among the ruins.

A student group at Swarthmore College has recently been organized under the name of The Trinity Club, meeting at Trinity Church on alternate Sundays to discuss the Christian approach to important current problems.

The Senior Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of the Resurrection, Broad and Tioga Streets, for several years has been remembering the school of Penland, N. C., to help in the work among the mountaineers.

The Diocese of Pennsylvania consists of Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester, Bucks, and Montgomery Counties, an area of 2,183 square miles. The population numbers about 2,800,000. There are 75,031 communicants, 205 parishes and missions, 266 clergymen, 18,797 Sunday School scholars, 2,337 teachers.

"The priest of St. Luke's is at your command," a quotation from Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*, is printed at the bottom of the service leaflet of the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany.

The approximate value of all Church properties in Philadelphia which are exempted from taxation is \$65,112,825. This includes 1,276 properties held by various religious bodies.

In one of our Church Schools a competent emergency substitute teacher is doing effective work, standing by to fill in any last-minute vacancy in the teaching staff. Sometimes she does not know where her services will be required until the

time for the lesson arrives, but she proves equal to the occasion.

A special service was recently held in Trinity Church, Swarthmore, when the Rev. Omelan Mycyk conducted the ancient liturgy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Sacred banners were carried in procession, candlelight illumination was used, and a choir of Ukrainian girls, dressed in peasant costumes, intoned the liturgy. Following the service, folk dancing was performed in the parish house.

The Rev. J. Jarden Guenther, Rector of St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley, officiated at the marriage of his son, J. Jarden Guenther, Jr., and Miss Mary Ferry, in Trinity Church, New York, on December 8.

Commodore Richard A. Kern, chief of medical service at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital, was the principal speaker at the annual athletic dinner at Episcopal Academy.

The Business and Professional Women's Group of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Germantown, is now known as the Evening Guild.

The Burd School announces some vacancies for girls of special background and character. Miss Florence L. Davies is the Executive Director of the School, located at 4226 Baltimore Avenue.

Three new members have recently been elected to the vestry of St. Peter's Church: Messrs. Edwin P. T. Boone, Jr., Anthony W. Ridgway, and Dr. Harrison F. Flippin.

The Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, in a recent letter to Bishop Hart, says: "The country is, I think, calmer than some sections of the press would have the world believe."

The Rev. Eugene A. Heim, former Rector of Trinity Church, West Pittston, Pa. (Diocese of Bethlehem), is residing at Wyncote, Pa.

One parish includes in its annual budget an item of \$500 for printing and mailing its weekly leaflet to parishioners.

What was said to be the first shipment of importations from Sweden since the close of the war, including unique wooden decorations and paper novelties, appeared among the wares for sale at the Christmas Mart of Old Swedes' Church.

The pence can collection for one month at the Church of the Holy Innocents, Tacony, amounted to \$111.03. There is a balance in this fund at present of \$2,175.68.

The Southern Churchman reproduced on its Christmas number the large cut of the Nativity which was made for the cover of the December issue of THE CHURCH NEWS. We were glad to accede to the request of our sister publication by lending the cut for this purpose.

Bishop Remington was the preacher at the annual service of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution, held in St. Stephen's Church. The Rev. Crosswell McBee is the Chaplain of the Society.

One hundred and five years ago the Bishop White Parish Library Association was founded to supply mission stations and parishes with the standard theological works of the Church. Last year fifty-one grants were made at a cost of almost \$2,500, including the Episcopal Hospital, several Navy chaplains, and the remainder to almost every state in the country.

Mary Alice Broadbent, who died November 23rd, left \$2,500 to the Home of the Merciful Saviour and a like sum to the Church of the Mediator.

The rectory of St. Timothy's Church, Roxborough, has been renovated and painted at a cost of \$700, repairs having been neglected for almost ten years. Eighteen hundred dollars in special gifts from 250 individuals for the Reconstruction and Advance Fund has been raised in this parish. The parish expenses were \$9,000; total giving outside the parish, \$4,200; added to endowment, \$2,000.

Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, recently served as host to a conference of Girls' Friendly branches, addressed by Mrs. Albert Lutley, for

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EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

The annual Christmas Pageant at Episcopal Academy was held December 21st in the School Chapel. The pageant this year was a pantomime on the Nativity Story synchronized with the words of the Christmas carols. The effect was very impressive. Mr. John Sumner was the Director, assisted by the Rev. Elbert K. St. Claire, Chaplain; Mr. Walter Johnson, Choir Director; Mr. Harry Harris, of the Art Department, and Mr. Robert Neathery, of the Science Department, who assisted with the lighting. Mr. Harris, with his group of mothers, deserves a great deal of credit for the costuming. Those taking part in the pageant were:

Prophet—D. Waite. Holy Family—A. Largey, H. Heebner, T. Patzau. Kings—E. Trump, A. Warren, H. Chapman. Angels—E. Hall, T. Hutchinson, E. Vare, E. Duer, W. Hoffman, W. Sykes, C. Heebner, A. Toland. Shepherds—C. Hamilton, R. Mears, W. Cancelmo, G. Henderson, W. Dabney, R. Morris, J. Schumacher, D. Greenleaf, J. Foley, C. Le Boutillier, W. Brown, R. Hearne, D. Meyers, H. Pakradooni, L. Matthews, W. Warder, H. Owen, L. Atemus, W. Heston, C. Newbold, H. Deischer, P. Drexel, J. Van Pelt. Acolytes—L. Haslam, S. Yost. The make-up was in charge of the Domino Club, the student dramatic group. N. Black and R. Thompson took charge of the lighting. Members of the Chapel Choir are D. Baugh, L. Williams, F. Shoyer, R. Mears, R. Hiers, S. Ervin, J. Dall'ett, R. Walton, D. Bishop, D. Cooper, D. Crownover, T. Earnshaw, J. Hume, R. Lounsbury, L. Raden, C. Shaw, C. Walton, B. Wasserman, W. Widing, D. Maxwell, H. Chapman, P. Bothe, R. Kern, F. Reichle, W. Groover, P. Finegan, R. Howson, A. Haslam, M. Longstreth, D. Hewson, J. Donahue, J. Foley, J. Eccles, W. Scott, and L. Matthews. J. Armstrong is the organist.

Also celebrating Christmas was a Glee Club concert December 20th, and the Senior Dance December 21st.

The Academy reopened January 7th after a two weeks' Christmas recess.

The Fall Athletic Dinner was held December 7th honoring the members of the football and soccer teams. The awarding of Academy "E" was made at this time. Mr. Fred J. Doolittle was toastmaster, and the principal speaker was Commodore Richard Kern, of the Medical Corps, recently returned from the Pacific theatre of war.

HONORS CONFERRED

A distinguished service certificate was presented to the Rev. Alfred W. Price, D.D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, by the National Commander of the Military Order

of the Purple Heart, in recognition of outstanding work among the combat wounded. Dr. Price is the National Chaplain of this order.

The Rev. Melvin M. Heckler, Rector of St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, was recently awarded a certificate of American citation in recognition of participation in, and a contribution to the American program of the American Legion, presented by the John McKenna Sun Oil Post, No. 660, of Marcus Hook.

SUFFRAGAN ACTIVITIES

After the first three months of his service to this Diocese, as Bishop Remington paused to get his breath,



BISHOP REMINGTON

he found that he had confirmed over four hundred persons, ordained two clergymen, instituted one minister, attended meetings of all the Conventions, visited numerous institutions, preached to Sons of the American Revolution, attended many community and social gatherings. He reorganized the commission on Christian World Order and revived

Under a resolution of the Diocesan Convention, Bishop Hart has appointed the following Committee on the Relation of Institutions to the Diocese:

BISHOP REMINGTON, Chairman
REV. W. HAMILTON AULENBACH
DR. HAROLD AUSTIN
MISS MARGARET C. MAULE
REV. ARTHUR MURRAY
MRS. JASPER NICOLLS
MR. I. SMITH RASPIN

the practice of daily noon-day prayers in the Chapel at the Church House. Two outstanding experiences were a confirmation for 18 patients in the Chapel of the Philadelphia General Hospital, surrounded by the lame and the halt and the sick; and a visit to the Home of the Merciful Saviour for crippled children, where he was cheered by the sunny disposition of the boys and girls, and impressed by the miraculous results obtained in their treatment.

ORDINATIONS

Bishop Remington conducted a service of Ordination on St. Thomas' Day, December 21, 1945, at St. Mark's Church, Frankford, when the following men were ordained:

The Rev. Arthur Hepburn Laidlein, Th.B., who has served his Diaconate as Assistant at St. Mark's Church, was presented for ordination to the Priesthood by the Rev. Albert F. Fischer, Rector of St. Mark's Church. Mr. Laidlein continues at St. Mark's.

Mr. William Parker was presented for ordination to the Diaconate by the Rev. Matthew W. Davis, Vicar of St. Monica's Church, West Philadelphia. Mr. Parker is a school teacher and continues in that work for the present.

CONSENT TO ELECTION

On December 10, 1945, the following communication was sent by the Standing Committee to all of the Clergy of the Diocese:

"Complying with the several directions set forth in Canon 39, I herewith advise you that a majority of the Bishops and Standing Committees have concurrently given their consent to the election of the Rt. Rev. Dr. William P. Remington, formerly Missionary Bishop of the District of Eastern Oregon, to be Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The Presiding Bishop of the Church, the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese and Missionary District within the United States, and every Standing Committee has been notified of this consent.

"On All Saints' Day, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Oliver J. Hart, Bishop of Pennsylvania, received Bishop Remington in the Cathedral Church of Christ, at Roxborough, and instituted him as Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Bishop Remington is now in residence in the Diocese and may be reached through his office in the Church House, at 202 South 19th Street, Philadelphia 3.

"To complete the requirements of the Canon, will you please make these facts known to the members of your congregation, either by public announcement, or through the pages of your Parish Bulletin.

"(Signed) FRANKLIN JOINER,
"President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania."

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CONFIRMATION'S TRUE PARALLEL

Drawing parallels is a favorite indoor sport of preachers and expository writers. And while it is a most enlightening practice in many ways, it is a truly hazardous undertaking at times. There are probably no complete parallels, at least in the religious field, and though you say in the beginning that your brain child cannot be forced into complete congruity without violence, there are those who will force it nonetheless and then look askance at you for the violence.

Howbeit we are a bit reckless by nature, at least on occasion, and would like to suggest an analogy dealing with a subject that grievously torments a great body of lay folk and a not inconsiderable portion of the reverend clergy: the requirement of Confirmation as a condition for reception of the Holy Communion.

Many folks think us unneighborly in a religious sense because at the very time when we gather round the Lord's Table for the feast of Love and Union we seem to turn our back on the "strangers" in our midst and refuse to permit them to join in the Divine hospitality. Most discussions of the subject launch forth at this point into an exposition of the tremendous theological reasons why this is the only consistent attitude to take if we believe what we do believe about the Real Presence and the spiritual powers of Holy Order. But our treatment here is not intended to be so momentous.

Spiritual Marriage

Suppose we think of Confirmation as a spiritual marriage. The candidate is questioned about his inten-

tions and desire to form this union and to remain faithful to it for life. He pledges his troth, so to speak, and is thereupon blessed by God through the Bishop's hands. Only then does he enter into the fullest spiritual intimacy of the Church as provided by Christ.

Perhaps the major source of difficulty in understanding the restrictive attitude of the Church stems from the analogy that usually is drawn between the Lord's table and the table of social hospitality. If the Communion were merely the extending of the hand of friendship and conviviality from God to men and between Christian brethren, then the objectors would be on firmer ground. But it is not a matter of sociability, either human or spiritual. It is a matter of a living, life-long relationship more intimate and durable than even the marriage state which we are suggesting as an analogy.

In the world of social affairs no thinking person believes that stability, respect, or a loftier attitude toward marriage is to be fostered by inviting all interested persons to partake of its privileges without assuming its concurrent responsibilities. There are many, of course, who undertake it just for the gratification of their senses or general irresponsibility. But it is scarcely to be commended as the ideal way for unifying society and doing away with social differences and discord.

The whole long life of the Church and her rich tradition all point to the conviction, from apostolic times onward, that admission to the fullest spiritual intimacy of the Christian life can only confer its proper benefits with the proper attitude on the part of the recipient and the proper blessing provided through the designated spiritual authority. Possibly there are other ways, but the way which our Church sets forth has proved itself over the centuries as the giver of spiritual light and life.

Unworthy Reception

It seems to be an inescapable part of human nature that that which he can embrace lightly, whether mentally or physically, man casts off just as lightly, or, more accurately, he simply lets it fall away into the limbo of forgotten things. If one embraces the Christian truths and the Christian privileges lightly, they have small claim on his esteem and small control over his pattern of life.

There, of course, we come to the tragedy: literally hoards of persons, mostly young persons, are permitted each year to enter lightly into this marriage of the Christian life just because some friends are also doing so, or because some older person urges it, or for some other unworthy reason. It is quite conceivable that such persons will draw less strength and spiritual uplift from their communion than would some unconfirmed but devoutly seeking "stranger." By the same token one might point to certain extra-marital attachments that have been on an infinitely more lofty plane than the general average of respectable marriages. Is this any valid argument for the setting aside of the sacrament or institution of marriage? Obviously not. Nor does it seem to be a valid argument that because many persons receive Confirmation and the Communion casually and unworthily, and some without benefit of Confirmation can attain a high degree of devoutness, that Confirmation is thereby made a more or less non-essential or optional adjunct to the Christian life.

Means to Unity

Or the argument that a Communion freely administered to all comers is a step toward the re-uniting of Christendom, has it considered the results where that is the practice? The numerous Protestant bodies which invite all baptized, believing persons to their communion seem to be no nearer unity than we and they. On the contrary, such practice quickly pushes tolerance over the line into indifference, and the receiving of the Communion degenerates into a social ceremony akin to shaking hands instead of the most intimate of spiritual relationships introduced and protected by the spiritual "marriage contract" of Confirmation.

It is obviously most difficult at times to be a gracious host in your parish church and at the same time indicate the higher plane of sacredness on which we have placed that spiritual act of communion. But it would be a great deal easier if the Prayer Book were followed uniformly until and unless it is revised. Then others would know where we stand and would be in a position to extend us the courtesy of respecting our view even as we would respect theirs.

A. O. J.

Woman's Auxiliary

MRS. OLIVER J. HART, Editor

President's Message

September, 1946, means Triennial General Convention in Philadelphia! The dates are September 10th to 20th. We may give our guests a "very warm" welcome, but no other time is possible on account of hotel accommodations. It promises to be a Convention of great importance; vital questions are to be decided, including the marriage canon. The House of Bishops meets in Houston Hall, the Deputies in Irvine Auditorium and the Woman's Auxiliary in the University Museum, as the Presiding Bishop requested that the women's meetings be near the other Houses.

Everyone will have an opportunity of sharing in the great Opening Service, the United Thank Offering Presentation and the Mass Meeting, when the amount of the Reconstruction and Advance Fund will be announced, all of which will be held in Convention Hall.

We ask for the prayers and cooperation of every woman in the Diocese to make this the Convention that we would like it to be.

MARGARET PACKARD.

Promotion

"Promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor yet from the south." This verse from the Psalter, appointed to be read on a recent Sunday morning, caught our attention. How true these words are; for verily our progress, our "moving forward," comes not from any outside source but from within, and is the expression of real conviction that our tasks, as women of the Church, demand our best. Anything less is not good enough. Until every woman assumes her responsibility for the whole mission of the Church, we march haltingly with incomplete ranks. Happily, we can report that the ranks are filling up. New branches of the Woman's Auxiliary are forming; more young women are interested in following the Church's plan and several long-established groups are rethinking their ideals and methods and recognizing the value of a unified program, are reorganizing along those lines. It is an encouraging fact that the term "Unified Plan" includes, at present, a variety of programs, all

with a common ideal but with that ideal carried out through plans which, shall we say, express the "personality" of the parish. Our aim is unity; never uniformity in our diocesan family. Plans may be as flexible as the women of a parish desire, provided they measure up to the infallible test, "Is this project something which I can offer as Christian service?" The original object for which the women of the Church were organized is still our object today—"To know Christ and make Him known." We like the way in which that ideal is expressed in the recent publications from national headquarters: "The Woman's Auxiliary serves as an instrument of the Church through which women may express in action their conviction that the hope of the world lies in the redeeming power of God's love."

World Day of Prayer

Once again on the first Friday of Lent (March 8th) Christian women all over the world will set aside time to pray together. Long before this late war forced us to think in terms of global effort, women had started and developed this annual prayer time when women of all races, creeds and nations set aside their particular ways of worship in order to unite in a common service. This year the service has been written by Miss Mabel Shaw, one of the first two women missionaries sent out by the London Missionary Society to Africa in 1915. Miss Shaw is an author, poet, mystic, as well as an "utterly vigorous Christian" missionary.

Last year in the Philadelphia area 13,655 men, women and children participated in World Day of Prayer, with 609 churches, also hospitals and institutions, co-operating with observances for adults and children. While that is a goodly number, it is not enough. Our great lack is observance on the part of Christian youth. Will all who read this look up the nearest church where the service will be held, and do all you can to interest our youth in the observance? Our young people will be the leaders of tomorrow, and if properly challenged they will not fail to respond. Rectors are

asked to offer prayer for the observance of World Day of Prayer this year on Quinquagesima.

Any suggestions for the furtherance of this great day will be gratefully received by Mrs. Frank V. Burton, General Chairman for the Philadelphia World Day of Prayer Observance.

All material for World Day of Prayer may be obtained at the First Baptist Church, 17th and Sansom Streets, on Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., beginning January 23rd.

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Department of Education

The war years just past have forced us to think more about the people of Africa and their continent. The Africans are beginning to realize that they are part of the new "one world." Their country is going through great social and political changes. Dr. Aggrey, of Africa, said, "You can play a tune of sorts on the white keys, you can play a tune of sorts on the black keys, but for harmony you must use both the black and the white." We must recognize the Africans as human beings with equal rights and privileges in the world community. It is now of critical importance for the Church to consider anew the Christian mission in Africa.

On Wednesdays, February 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, from 2 until 3:30 P. M., in the Church House, there will be classes for leaders on the subject, "Africa." The Rev. Packard Okie, of Princeton, formerly a missionary in Liberia, will lead the first three sessions.

We are requiring that those of you who attend these classes will agree to lead a class, even if it is only in your own parish; or perhaps you will be willing to *help* with an all-day Institute. This is a change and a limitation, but one which, instead of decreasing attendance and leadership, should greatly increase the number of our leaders, so that we can have a diocesan-wide program of missionary education, particularly during Lent. So do plan to attend, or urge the proper persons to attend these classes.

Holy Trinity Church, Lansdale, has issued an "Altar Guild Manual," written by Chaplain Lewis Sasse, U. S. A., former Rector of St. Luke's Church, Newtown.

ST. STEPHEN'S INSTALLS HEARING EQUIPMENT

The work for the hard-of-hearing has been transferred from the Holy Trinity Parish House to St. Stephen's Church. Under the direction of the Rev. Gustav C. Meckling, who has



THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING

been in charge of this work for eight years, modern devices have been installed in the church and in the Community House.

Microphones have been placed at the altar, prayer desk, lectern, and pulpit, leading by wire to two hundred individual head-sets, with vol-

ume control boxes. These controls may be adjusted so that persons with a 10% to 85% loss of hearing may be able to follow every detail of the services. These appliances will be available for the hard-of-hearing at all services held in the church. There will also be a schedule of special services for the hard-of-hearing, including a Bible Class at 4 P. M., and a service of Evening Prayer at 7:30 P. M. each Sunday.

Mr. Meckling is assisted in his work by Mr. Edward Kruc, Lay Reader, and Miss Hannah E. Yeakle, as Bible teacher. After the Bible Class session, tea and coffee are served for those who have brought their lunches, and are staying for the evening service.

The work of the Bible Class is carried on in the Community House, which has also been equipped with the necessary appliances. This building and its equipment will be used as a social center for the hard-of-hearing. The hearing aids are wired to sound tracks for moving pictures, which will be regularly contracted for, and will be available to those whose handicap interferes with their enjoyment of this form of entertainment in regular theatres.

People of various denominations avail themselves of these facilities. The congregation is widely scattered, coming from all sections of Philadelphia and its suburbs in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

is increasing with great rapidity. In the census decade 1930-1940, three counties, Philadelphia, Delaware, Montgomery, had a decrease between them of 11% in the number of young people under 19, but an increase of 38% in the number of persons over 64. The number of persons over 64 in Philadelphia alone in 1940 was 135,000. And the number is growing constantly and rapidly. It is predicted that whereas at the present time in Philadelphia one person in 14 is 64 years of age or over, the ratio in 1980 will be one person in seven. Such rapid increase and such a prospect poses problems which will tax the wisdom and energy of many forces in every community. Fortunately there are signs here and there that we are awakening to some realization of these problems. In Philadelphia, the Council of Social Agencies, through the Council Divisions of Care for the Aged and Health, is doing important and in some respects pioneer work in this field.

What are some phases of this extremely important human and social problem of making life more comfortable and happier for older people? The first, undoubtedly, is the need of proper care for persons who suffer with some form of chronic illness. It has been said that fifty percent of persons between 65 and 75 years of age fall in this group. Provisions for their care in this community, as elsewhere, are utterly inadequate. Philadelphia has no city hospital for the chronically ill of any age. In general hospitals, the pressure for beds for cases of acute illness is so great that patients found to have chronic illness must be discharged. Even the Philadelphia General Hospital limits as closely as possible the number of chronically ill persons who continue to receive care over an extended period of time. The hospital insists in many cases that social workers find care for patients elsewhere. Where shall the social workers turn?

Limited Facilities

They may turn to a very limited number of non-profit voluntary institutions which admit persons with chronic illness. There are but seven of these institutions in Philadelphia with a total bed capacity of only 541. Two of these institutions will admit patients whose income is limited to the Old Age Assistance grant

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An Urgent Problem for the Church

By J. M. Collins

Executive Director, Philadelphia Protestant Episcopal City Mission

When the members of a vestry set about the unenviable task of selecting a new rector, they are urged by many parishioners to find one who will be successful in working with young people. Very infrequently indeed is it suggested that they look for a rector who will show a deep concern for old people. The emphasis is not lost upon those who are usually described, with callous accuracy, as the old people of the parish. It is one of the reminders which they receive almost daily that the old people do not count for much, even in the Church.

However, the rector who takes his pastoral work seriously and tries to minister adequately to all members of his parish will soon discover that those members who are well up in

years constitute a very real concern for him. They are often unhappy, made miserable by the knowledge that they are in the way, they are not wanted. They may be ill in body or somewhat disturbed mentally. If he tries to help correct conditions, he discovers that existing facilities for helping older people to live more comfortable and happier lives, more comfortable because their physical ills are properly cared for, happier because they can feel that they are still useful, are in most parts of our country pitifully limited and inadequate.

Increasing Numbers

The existing facilities do not even begin to meet a need which is overwhelming because the number of people who live to 65 years and over

Department of Christian Education

PROVINCIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

A gathering of Third Province leaders in the field of Christian Education was held December 3rd through 6th, at the College of Preachers, Washington, D. C., to discuss exhaustively "The Church and the Child of Four through Seven." Chairmen of diocesan departments, religious education consultants, and others made up the membership of the conference, the third in a series of annual lecture and seminary sessions whose underlying purpose is to relate the insights of the best psychological studies of childhood development to the work of the Church in its Christian nurture.

Miss Beryl M. Newman represented Pennsylvania.

Three Points Stressed

(1) The selection of curricular material embodying a proper psychological approach as well as an adequate Christian theology; (2) through training of teachers both in methods of teaching and in the fundamentals of Christian faith; and (3) a fuller measure of co-operation between Church leaders and parents in the business of Christian nurture—were among things emphasized at the Conference.

Sarah Lawrence Professor Gives Lectures

Dr. Lois Barclay Murphy, head of the Child Psychology Department of Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, N. Y., opened the Conference with a series of lectures on the psychological characteristics of children of Kindergarten and Primary age. With this as a foundation, the religious educators spent the remainder of the three days asking the question, "These things being true about the children we teach, how are we to go about the business of specifically Christian education, through the Church School and otherwise?"

Training of Teachers

The matter of adequate training for teachers came in for considerable discussion in the seminars, the prevailing feeling being: Our teachers must first of all know the Christian religion, what it really is and in-

volves. They must then know the children they teach, what their tendencies and interests and potentialities are at various stages of growth, how they learn, and just how much they can learn to do or know or feel as Kindergarteners or Primaries. The teacher must then learn the best techniques of bringing the Christian religion to the children, what sorts of activities, stories, worship services and other guided experiences, will be most fruitfully used, and also what kinds of approaches and methods are either fraught with perils or merely a waste of precious time. The primary responsibility for the training of his teachers must of course be the rector's.

Good Courses Essential but Not Enough

The group had a preview of the Curriculum Chart being published shortly by the Provincial Commission on Christian Education. Under the direction of the Commission curricular materials were evaluated and the results are being published in a simple chart form. Everyone was enthusiastic about the chart and felt it would fill a need.

It was agreed that the selection of good curricular materials was one of the best safeguards against harmful or ineffective teaching, but it was stressed that the teacher must understand the course thoroughly, what it aims to accomplish in the development of the child, and how it proposes to do so. Again it is the rector's responsibility to see that the teachers do thoroughly understand their text books, and that they follow the lead of the experienced educators who prepared them.

It should also be the concern of the rector to see that the child's parents are involved in the educational work, that they understand what the Church School is endeavoring to do, and that wherever possible they are enlisted directly into the program, through parent-teacher meetings, joint study activities, and in other ways. The best of the modern courses provide helps to involve the parents, but these must be supplemented by other measures.

Interim Experimental Projects

To prove out the findings of this Conference, and lay the basis for

further discussions next fall, a number of experimental projects in Teacher Training, and in Parent-Teacher Co-operation are to be instituted during the coming year by churches in the province willing to do so, and report their results for general benefit to all at next year's Conference, which is expected to deal with the Church and the Junior Age Child.

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Start NOW to Plan for Lent

National Council material for mission study during Lent is now available. The topic this year is Africa, and we suggest that you order well in advance the following resources:

Kona's Big Brother—A Christian Education Unit for Younger Children. 10c.

Sergeant Jones Discovers Africa—A Christian Education Unit for Older Boys and Girls. 10c.

Thine Be the Glory—A Service of Worship. 25c for 50 copies.

Friendship Map: Africa—25c.

African Achievement—Limited number available.

Except the Lord Build the House in Liberia—Free.

Partners in Africa, by Olive Floyd—An indispensable pamphlet in the current study of Africa. 25c.

Suggested Additional Material

Nyanga's Two Villages, by Esma R. Booth. Missionary Education Movement—for Juniors. 60c.

A Junior Teacher's Guide on Africa—for use with above. 25c.

Mpango of the Congo, by Grace W. McGavran. Missionary Education Movement—for Primaries. 60c.

A Primary Teacher's Guide on Africa—for use with above. 25c.

Fun and Festival from Africa—Friendship Press. 25c.

Films

(Order through Visual Service, 281 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.)

Children of Africa—2 reels; 30 min.; silent. \$3.

Story of Bamba—3 reels; 40 min.; silent. \$3.75.

What a Missionary Does in Africa—3 reels; 35 min.; silent. \$3.75.

Ngoni and Her People—3 reels; 40 min.; silent. \$3.75.

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Assembly Periods at the Winter Conference

7:45 P. M. to 8:30 P. M.

The Christian looks at—
Feb. 5th—"America's Attitude Toward the World," the Rev. Harry F. Ward, Professor Emeritus, Union Theological Seminary.

Feb. 12th—"Race Relations in Philadelphia," the Rev. George A. Trowbridge, Chairman, Philadelphia Fellowship Commission.

Feb. 19th—"Religious Liberty," the Rev. O. Frederick Nolde, D.D., Commission of a Just and Durable Peace, Federal Council of Churches.

QUIET DAY

A Pre-Lenten Quiet Day will be conducted on Washington's Birthday, Friday, February 22nd, by the Rev. William I. Edwards, at St. Margaret's House, 5419 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia 44, Pa.

Please register promptly with Sister Ethelwyn—Victor 4612.

Holy Eucharist, 8:30 A. M.; Meditations, 10:15, 12:00, 2:00; closing at 3:15 P. M.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY SERVICE

The annual Corporate Communion for men and boys of the Diocese, under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, will be held on Washington's Birthday, Friday, February 22nd, at 8 A. M., at the Church of the Holy Trinity,

with Bishop Hart as celebrant. Immediately following the service, breakfast will be served at the Hotel Stephen Girard, when the Rev. Crawford Brown, Chief Chaplain, United States Veterans' Administration, will be the speaker. Mr. Henry C. Beck, President of the Local Assembly of the Brotherhood, 12 N. Country Club Lane, Swarthmore, is in charge of arrangements.

CLERGYMAN TO WED

Dr. and Mrs. James Harold Austin, of Bala-Cynwyd, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Thelma Wood Austin, and the Rev. William Warren Fry. Miss Austin is a volunteer worker in the office of the Department of Social Relations at the Church House. Mr. Fry is assistant at the Church of the Holy Trinity.

BISHOP HART IN NEW JERSEY

During the month of January, Bishop Gardner, of the Diocese of New Jersey, invited Bishop Hart to make a series of visitations in the neighboring diocese in the interest of the Reconstruction and Advance Fund. The itinerary arranged included St. Mary's, Burlington; Grace, Haddonfield; Trinity, Moorestown; St. James, Atlantic City; St. Simeon's, Wildwood; Christ, Woodbury; St. John's, Salem; Trinity, Princeton.

VESTMENTS AVAILABLE

The Forward in Service Commission office in the Church House has on hand the following vestments which a retired priest wishes to sell: Heavy cassock (thirty-one inch chest measure), cotton surplice, linen surplice, alb, and chasuble.



"The Busy Bees" Enjoy Their Work

The Handiwork Committee of the House of Rest for the Aged, located at 5919 Wayne Avenue, Germantown, began its work in October, 1941, by offering an opportunity for the ladies who live there to sell their work. About twenty of the ladies, who are good sewers, who enjoy being occupied and making things, are known as The Busy Bees.

They like to work with bright colors and to make pretty, gay articles. All seem to derive much pleasure from the work they do. If

they worked individually, they could not buy materials so advantageously, nor have such a good opportunity to sell as they do working as a group. However, each works in her own room, and at such time as she may be disposed to be occupied. There are no set hours and no urging. In four years The Busy Bees have earned for themselves \$869.77, and have contributed to the House \$1,497.80. Two of the best workers have refused to accept anything for themselves. They just want to do

their part to help as they are able.

After Christmas last year they made garments from pieces of material contributed by Church friends. This project was called the Bishop's Box. None of the workers accepted any remuneration for this particular work, which produced several large boxes sent to the Supply Bureau at the Church House for Church Institutions. This fall sixteen dozen wash cloths and twenty towels were made from partly used bath towels for the Episcopal Hospital.

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4:00 P. M. Bible Class
7:30 P. M. Evening Prayer and Sermon
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- ☐ 5. Dancing Classes.
- ☐ 6. Coaching Classes for Church School
Teachers. Religious Education for
adults. Bible Class.
- ☐ 7. Basketball.
- ☐ 8. Canteen for Coast Guard, Army,
Navy, Marines, Nurses in training.
Snack bar.
- ☐ 9. Lectures, movies, conferences for
hard of hearing.
- ☐ 10. Work among the combat wounded
in Veteran Hospitals.
- ☐ 11. Volunteer workers—hostesses, group
leaders.
- ☐ 12. Church Societies — Girls' Friendly
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St. Stephen's Service Club Closing

On January 31, 1946, St. Stephen's Service Club will close its doors following nearly three years of continuous operation. The Board of Managers, after careful deliberation, has unanimously decided that this is the right thing to do.

The Club has functioned on an entirely volunteer basis, with the exception of our beloved Director, Mrs. Humphrey Nelson. We have utilized the services of approximately 700 volunteers a month. Because of the return from the war of husbands and sons, people have naturally been anxious to pick up the threads of their own disrupted lives and it is increasingly difficult for us to obtain workers. We feel that it is much wiser to bring to a definite conclusion all activities sponsored by St. Stephen's Service Club rather than to permit them to deteriorate through lack of manpower.

Busy to the End

Owing to the closing of certain other clubs and to the fact that there are a great many service men in or passing through Philadelphia, St. Stephen's Service Club, contrary to expectations, has been exceedingly busy since October. High attendance records in October, November and December have resulted and prove that many of these men enjoy all that the Service Club offers.

Funds for the operation of the Club will be largely exhausted by the end of January. While additional money could probably be obtained for this important diocesan activity, our Board has with deep regret decided to close the Club,

due to the shortage of volunteers. It must be recognized, however, that the operation of the Club until early spring would be fully justified by the demand for our services.

Hostesses Continue Work

As an outgrowth of the Service Club, a group of our Junior Hostesses will continue to go to the Naval Hospital and to the England General Hospital to entertain in the wards. These girls have been trained for this specialized type of work and do a magnificent and rewarding job. Our girls are also very much in demand for ship's dances and parties at the Navy Yard.

The Club has really justified the purpose for which it was established: to bring together the clergy and laity of the Diocese in the common work of making a home—warm and friendly—for men and women in the armed forces.

Thanks to Volunteers

Our volunteers have been our roll of honor. They are the people who have carried on day by day. The sum total of their hard work, enthusiasm and loving service has created the atmosphere which causes our boys and girls to refer to St. Stephen's as "that wonderful little place."

Everyone of us who has had any part in this work is truly thankful for the opportunity we have had of welcoming and serving the 95,000 boys and girls in uniform who have passed through the doors of St. Stephen's Service Club.

MRS. P. BLAIR LEE

EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL NEWS

The budget of the Episcopal Hospital for 1946 is almost \$1,000,000. The number of patients admitted during the first eleven months of 1945 was 10,302.

Games Are Needed

Adult games are needed for the recreation wards. Friends are asked to help fill this need by leaving the games at the Church House, marked "care Elizabeth Price Martin League—Episcopal Hospital." For further information, communicate with Mrs. A. W. Walker, 354 Sycamore Avenue, Merion, Pa. Telephone: Merion 1509.

Managers Elected

At the 95th annual meeting of the Contributors of the Hospital, held January 3rd, the following persons were elected to serve as Managers for a term of three years: The Rev. Richard H. Gurley, the Rev. Richard T. Lyford, Col. Edward Starr, Jr., Col. D. Moreau Barringer, Mr. Laurence H. Eldredge, Mr. R. Sanford Saltus, Dr. Francis W. Sinkler.

A Prayer for Reconstruction and Advance

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast promised through thy Son, Jesus Christ, to be with thy Church to the end of the world, we humbly beseech thee to prosper this undertaking of thy people in the Reconstruction and Advance Campaign for the good of thy Church and for the advancement of thy Kingdom. Strengthen us, we beseech thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, and daily increase in us thy manifold gifts of grace. Enlarge our faith, enlighten our understanding, and fill us with a hearty desire to do thy will. Especially we beseech thee to give wisdom to those who are called to lead us, and to all thy people a ready will to work together with love and zeal. And grant that all that we do, may be so ordered by thy governance that thy blessing may rest upon our endeavors, to the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CONVOCATION MEETINGS

The Convocation of South Philadelphia met at the Church of the Holy Trinity on October 23rd, with Dean Bonyng presiding. Following reports of missionaries, Mrs. C. B. Nobes, of the Philippines, related her experiences in Japanese concentration camps. The moving picture, "Thy Will Be Done," was shown. Bishop Hart discussed Confirmation as an effective way of winning people to the Church, urging the lay Church members to use their influence to bring candidates to the clergy for instruction and presentation to the Bishop.

At the evening meeting Bishop Remington told of his life and work in this Convocation, having attended Holy Trinity as a boy, was confirmed there, and began his ministry as a curate in the parish. For four years he was vicar of the Chapel of the Holy Communion, 27th and Wharton Streets. He reminded those present that their parishes and missions have continually trained faithful Church people who have given great strength to the churches in other parts of the Diocese, and urged renewed effort to reach the people who still reside in this area, and bring them in.

New Mission in Convocation of Norristown

Dean Niblo conducted the meeting of the Convocation of Norristown, held October 25th at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Lansdale. A site has been purchased for the erection of a church at Oreland, where Mr. Harvey now conducts services as lay reader in the fire house. St. Philip's will be the name of this new church, to be located on a strategic site in a community that is rapidly developing. The Women's Aid appropriated \$150.00 for the installation of a new oil burner at Trinity, Gulph Mills, and \$200.00 for repairs to the house occupied by the Rev. William LaRue Witmer, Vicar of Emmanuel Church, Quakertown. Bishop Remington preached at the evening service in the church, from a striking text: "They helped every one his neighbor; and every one said to his brother, be of good courage. So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheneth with the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, it is ready for the soldering; and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved." (Isa. 41: 6-7.)



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The girls of St. Mary's of the Annunciation have sent three boxes of foodstuffs to Northern Italy, and two to the southern half of that unhappy land. It is further planned to send two boxes each month, addressed to known families, whose names are suggested by members of the branch. The Diocesan Members' Branch has pledged one box a month through the Friends' Service Committee, to be sent to an individual in one of the liberated countries, with whom it is hoped to develop friendly contacts which may grow into mutual understanding and help.

The Senior Members' Club gave to the Seamen's Church Institute 133 knitted garments, quantities of filled ditty bags, and money gifts amounting to \$300.00 in memory of Miss Mae Atherton Leach. They also gave to the Maternity and Children's Wards of the Episcopal Hospital layettes and toys valued at \$82.96.

A new branch has been established at St. Peter's, Broomall, meeting in the basement play-room in the home of a member of the Mission. Miss Lola Poppleton is the leader.

On January 15th, Trinity, Oxford, Branch heard a talk on "Glimpses of Pre-War Europe," illustrated with lantern slides. This was part of the branch's study plan in preparation for a larger offering to the Reconstruction and Advance Fund.

The Holiday House at Cape May will be used to house some of the younger delegates to the Friends' General Conference to be held in that seashore resort in May and June.

DAUGHTERS OF KING

Miss Clara V. Stackhouse, of Ambler, a member of the National Council of the Daughters of the King, is in charge of arrangement for the Philadelphia convention of this organization, which will meet in connection with the General Convention to be held here next September. Headquarters for this organization will be the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, with the meetings being held in Holy Trinity Parish House. The dates will be September 5th to 9th.

MONDAY SPEAKERS

The program of the Clerical Brotherhood at 11:30 A. M. Mon-

days includes the following speakers: February 4th, the Rev. Franklin Joiner, "Personal Religion"; February 11th, the Rev. Arthur Marcell, Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration, "The Liturgical Movement in the Lutheran Church"; February 18th, the Rev. Frederick W. Blatz, "Anglican Tradition and Christian Reunion"; February 25th, Chaplain John Q. Martin, U. S. N. R. (inactive list).

LECTURES ON CHURCH MUSIC

The Diocesan Commission on Music arranged a series of conference-lectures at the Church House on four Wednesday evenings in January: January 9th, "Young People's Choir Work," Miss Julia Hunn and Mr. E. Siddall; January 16th, "Organ Demonstration, Improvisation and the Service," Dr. Maitland; January 23rd, "Choral Demonstration, Service Conformity," Miss Roma Angel; January 30th, "Liturgics for Organists," Rev. William J. Alberts.

APPOINTED TO CHINA

The Rev. Charles H. Long, Jr., son of the Executive Secretary of the Diocese, has accepted appointment by the National Council to serve as a Missionary in the Diocese of Shanghai, China, under Bishop Roberts.

Mr. Long graduated with honor from the William Penn Charter School and Yale University. He studied theology at Yale Divinity School and the Virginia Theological Seminary, where he will graduate January 31st. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hart on July 7, 1945, at Zion Church, where his father had been Rector for more than twenty-five years. He will study Chinese at Yale University until arrangements can be made for sailing for China.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

On the Feast of Holy Innocents, Bishop Hart consecrated the children's chapel of the Holy Innocents at St. George's Church, Edgemont and East Venango Streets, given by Mr. E. Edgerton Proffitt, former lay-missionary in charge of the Mission, in memory of his father, the Rev. Arthur Heeley Proffitt, who died in 1917, for many years a Priest on the staff of the New York City Mission.

The reredos and canopy were built by Mr. Otto Amundsen, a cousin of the Norwegian Arctic explorer, Raould Amundsen. Stained

glass windows were given in memory of Mrs. Emma S. Kunzig by her children. The Rev. G. A. Scarinci decorated the altar and reredos, and painted a triptych, illustrating the Epiphany story of the Wise Men. Mr. Ted Hamers decorated the walls of the chapel. Mrs. Sarah MacCreedy gave the organ as a memorial to her only child.

Dean Shryock, of the Convocation of North Philadelphia, and Mr. Christopher Wyld, Lay Reader of St. George's, assisted in the service.

IN GOD'S KEEPING

SAMUEL S. BEAVER died November 17, 1945. Twenty-five years he served on the Vestry of Calvary Church, Conshohocken; sometime President of the Men's Bible Class and Director of the Senior Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in his parish. Burial service was held in Calvary Church, November 21st.

STELLA STEWART McCORD (Mrs. Samuel E. McCord) passed into life eternal on December 7th. Thirty-five years teacher of the Women's Bible Class of Calvary Church, Conshohocken. For many years she took care of the vestments of the choir, being present at all services for this purpose. She also for many years coached various groups of young people in the parish in preparation of their plays.

MRS. MARY ROBERTS (CHESTER) PARKER, wife of the Rev. William Newman Parker, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood, died December 19th after a long illness. She was the niece of the Rt. Rev. O. W. Whitaker, late Bishop of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Parker were married in 1905. Beginning in 1906 Mr. Parker took charge of the Church of the Epiphany, so that their entire married life has been spent in this parish, where Mr. Parker was dearly loved, and most helpful. She was buried December 22nd from the Church of the Epiphany, with interment in the yard of the Church of St. James the Less.

THE REV. ALFRED RIVES BERKELEY, who was Vicar of the Chapel of the Holy Communion, 27th and Wharton Streets, from 1911 to 1916, died at Roanoke, Va., where he had been Rector of St. John's Church for almost twenty years, on December 26th.

THE VERY REV. EDWIN SELDEN LANE, Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix, Arizona, died on December 5th at the age of 59 years. He was born in Germantown, attended the Episcopal Academy, ordained Deacon by Bishop Mackay-Smith, Priested by Bishop Garland. He was assistant at St. Luke's, Germantown, and Rector of St. John's Church, Northern Liberties. He was an Army Chaplain in the first World War, and became Dean of the Phoenix Cathedral in 1926.

THE VERY REV. ARTHUR FRANK MCKENNY, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, Conn., died December 13th at the age of 51 years. He was Episcopal Student Pastor at the University of Pennsylvania from 1932 to 1933, and had been Dean at Hartford since January, 1941.

THE REV. DELBER WALLACE CLARKE, Chaplain of St. John's Settlement House and Priest-in-Charge of St. Mary's Church, Broad and South Streets, died after a brief illness on January 6th. Burial services were conducted by Bishop Hart in St. Mary's Church on January 10th. Interment was made in New York.

THE REV. LORING W. BATTEN died on January 6th in a nursing home at Media at the age of 86. He had been a member of the faculty of the Philadelphia Divinity School from 1888 to 1899; Rector of St. Mark's Church, New York, from 1899 to 1911; from 1904 to 1931 he was professor of Old Testament Literature and Interpretation at General Theological Seminary. After retiring he made his home in Swarthmore.

IN THE DIOCESE

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many years a missionary in China; also to a group of Young People's Fellowships, when the speaker was the Rev. Robert D. Morris, Chaplain at the Episcopal Hospital.

A new set of Crucifer's robes was recently presented for use at St. Martin's Church, Oak Lane.

Monthly "square dances" for young and old are held in the parish house of the Church of the Atonement on the third Tuesday of each month.

Bishop Remington is expected to conduct the 1946 Clergy Retreat, which will be held at the Holiday House, Sellersville, beginning Monday, June 17th. The usual autumn retreat will not be held because of the meeting of General Convention.

Members of the Men's Club of St. Simeon's Church sold Christmas trees on the busy corner where the church is located, at Ninth Street and Lehigh Avenue.

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VOLUNTEER SEXTONS

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St. Simeon's Church was left the sum of \$5,000 by Mrs. Mary E. Drummond, who died December 3.

Members of the First City Troop resumed their annual Memorial Services in St. Peter's Church, Third and Pine Streets, having suspended this practice during the war.

During the past year a set of white, green, and purple altar hangings, stoles, etc., costing \$700, were presented to Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg. The green and purple hangings were given as memorials to Norman R. Twelves and Frank Peoples, Jr., who were killed in action during the war. The white hangings were given in memory of Emily Munroe Dobbins, and the stole as a memorial to Austin G. Greer.

Mrs. Howard W. McComb and her Hospital Committee wish to thank those individuals and groups who made it possible to distribute 782 gifts at Christmas to patients in Naval Hospital, England General Hospital, St. Agnes, and Byberry.

Mr. James Stevenson is the new verger of St. Peter's Church, making his home at St. Peter's House, 313 Pine Street.

Christmas services at Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, featured the Philadelphia Women's String Quartette and the Harmony Trumpeters.

St. Thomas' Church, Whitmarsh, appoints sponsors for the members of the Confirmation Class, to help the candidates find their places in the life of the parish.

The Bishop's Pence in the Diocese of Chicago yielded \$30,000 last year. Half of the net proceeds are available for use by Bishop Conkling, formerly Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, and the other half is returned to participating parishes for their use.

A youth group consisting of boys and girls fourteen to seventeen years of age meets each Sunday night in the parish house of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont. Officers are: President, Betty Rogers; Vice-President, James Duncan; Secretary, Muriel Rogers; Treasurer, David Fleming.

St. Mark's Church, Frankford, has a project for installing leaded glass windows, with decorative medallions, in the parish house, in memory of men and women who lost their lives in war service. About thirty windows are involved, at a cost of \$100 each.

A good slogan in a Parish Bulletin says, "Keep your Church going by going to Church."

In order to aid and supplement the work of the sexton, the Rector of the Church of the Resurrection, Broad and Tioga Sts., has appointed a "Housekeeping Committee," composed of six men and women, representing parish organizations.

On the First Sunday in Advent, the Rt. Rev. Stephen E. Keeler, Bishop of Minnesota, preached at the Church of the Resurrection. He was a classmate of the Rector, the Rev. Arthur Murray, at Yale University (class of 1910).

AN URGENT PROBLEM

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of \$40 a month; the charges in the others are much higher. All the institutions have long waiting lists.

The social worker has another possible resource. It is the commercial nursing homes. These homes, it is most important to remember, are operated for profit. To operate legally they must be licensed by the State. About 100 such licensed nursing homes now operate in and near Philadelphia. Their total bed capacity is about 1500 patients.

These homes vary widely in respect both to cost and quality of care. Fees range from a minimum rate of \$40 a month in a small number of homes, to more than \$100 a month in others. This latter rate is far beyond the means of hundreds of persons who need some measure of nursing care. The care in a considerable number of these homes, even when rates are much in excess of \$40 a month, is definitely inadequate. Conditions in many of the nursing homes of the city were described in a series of articles in one of our local papers last September. These articles did not exaggerate actual conditions.

The homes are not inspected as frequently as they should be by the State authorities. Social workers

who are well aware of poor or unsatisfactory conditions which exist in many nursing homes are most reluctant to place any persons in such homes, but the simple fact is that no other resources are available.

How We Can Help

What can Church members do in such a situation? The first thing they can do is to help build up public opinion which will compel the State authorities to exercise greater care in issuing licenses to such homes, to demand higher standards of care, and to enforce rigorously the existing laws intended to regulate such homes.

In the second place, the Church people of this Diocese can join in a demand that the city build as soon as possible a modern hospital for the care of persons who are chronically ill.

Again, Church people can help to strengthen the work of the only Church institution in our Diocese which is designed to care for those who have chronic illnesses, that is, the Harrison Home. This institution, with its limited means, has been very helpful in the past. Recently it has been compelled, because of lack of domestic help, to limit its admissions to patients who are ambulatory and able to look after themselves to a real extent. The Diocese should consider steps to make it possible for the Harrison Home to operate to full capacity and to receive patients who need nursing care.

Finally, the authorities of our various Homes for older people might be asked to consider the possibility of admitting a number of applicants who are already somewhat infirm. In this connection it is interesting to know that the Lutheran Ministerium last May issued the following statement: "Experience indicates that an ever growing number of applicants for admission to Homes for the Aged are not in good health and that they deserve the care which Church Homes can give. The Ministerium, therefore, instructs the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Home for Orphans and the Aged at Germantown that it provide facilities and a staff for the care of such infirm persons as soon as conditions and resources warrant the accomplishment of the same." Our Church would do well to keep this action of the Lutheran Church in mind.

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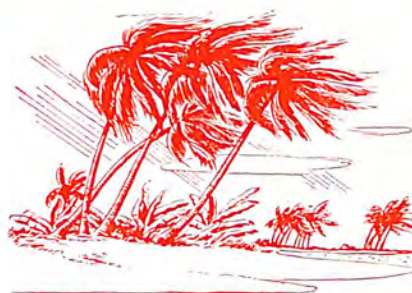
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